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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 5 September 1985

1. [ ] During our 3 September meeting with Clyde Taylor, Ambassador-designate to Paraguay, the subject of the planned ROSET came up. [ ] and I went over the mission of the ROSET and indicated that we had two concerns about the planning to date: the Embassy-imposed location of the dish in relation to the operations site, and any possible limitations on the size of the dish to be employed. Taylor seemed to be aware of the fact that the DCM had dictated that the dish had to be 300 feet away from the operations building; we noted that the longer the cable run to the dish the greater the degradation in the signal, plus other operational disadvantages in the 300-foot run.

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Taylor at first seemed a little startled at the size of the dish we proposed putting up. We noted that satellite dishes were becoming commonplace and that we were skeptical that a dish of the size needed would be esthetically or environmentally degrading. We also went into the relations between dish surface area and type of signal to be captured. By the time he left Taylor said that he felt we ought to be able to put up a dish of the size needed to do the tasks we had in mind for it. According to FSB, the optimally sized dish would be in the 4.6-4.8 meter range, which would handle both TV and RTTY signal. It appears the new Ambassador has an open mind on this question as well as on the location of the dish.

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